

RIDE FOR YOUR LIFE

MMP MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Comply with Army Regulation 385-10, command policies, and local and state/host nation requirements
- Foster an atmosphere that emphasizes skilled and disciplined riding
- Support unit motorcycle safety efforts
- Encourage participation in local mentoring programs
- Seek experienced riders who will assume leadership positions within mentoring programs

For additional MMP information, contact the
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center
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Tools and best practices critical to safe
riding and successful MMPs are available at
<https://safety.army.mil/mmp>

Additional motorcycle safety
information is available at the
Motorcycle Safety Foundation website,
<http://www.msf-usa.org>



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MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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The importance of motorcycle mentorship . . .

Motorcycle Mentorship Programs are in place across the Army, but not every command has taken advantage of this concept. Mentorship programs impact our formations by proactively mitigating risk and promoting discipline among Army riders. Training, coaching and mentoring creates a safe unit riding culture.

Increased ridership + reduced deployments = greater exposure to mishaps. MMPs are the operational link between the commander and the rider focused on improving or sustaining motorcycle safety. Experienced riders mentor new riders through their transition as they become safe and disciplined motorcyclists.

The MMP is a concept that can be tailored to meet the needs of the command. No single MMP template is applicable in every location, but based on input from Soldiers and leaders, implementing programs using best practices is the most effective approach. The types of MMPs currently operating throughout the Army run the spectrum from command-directed, to one-on-one mentoring. Examples of effective unit programs providing individual mentorship and collective mentoring during organized group rides can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center POV website.

Most motorcycle mishaps result from rider indiscipline. Trending indicates that the Progressive Motorcycle Program, which is focused on training, has reduced skills-based mishaps. In response to rider indiscipline beyond required training, MMPs focus on improving behavior, sound decision making and preventing loss of perishable skills.

Riders want the freedom to ride, and the Army wants riders to have the freedom to ride safely. Both can be accomplished through fully trained and disciplined riding, supported by engaged leaders using established mentorship programs. Linking a safe unit riding culture with training, personal protective equipment and mentorship fosters an environment where Soldiers can enjoy a safe, lifelong riding experience while remaining Army Safe and Army Strong!

Historically, 42 Soldiers die each year as a result of motorcycle mishaps.

MMP BACKGROUND:

- More than half of all Army motorcycle fatalities are the result of single-vehicle mishaps involving indiscipline (primarily excessive speed, reckless riding, improper personal protective equipment and alcohol).
- In 2005, riders in the age group 18 - 25 were the Army's "at risk" population — today, that age group has expanded to 18 - 30.
- The MMP was introduced to curb a sharp rise in motorcycle fatalities and develop an informal way for experienced riders to partner with inexperienced riders.
- A significant increase in MMPs was seen after the Army Vice Chief of Staff issued a memorandum in 2011, focused on the importance of establishing mentorship programs.

MMPs ENHANCE MISHAP REDUCTION EFFORTS BY:

- Acting as a forum for education, awareness and safe riding
- Promoting environments that foster responsible riding
- Educating riders on risk management, with a focus on safe riding
- Conducting mentorship training seminars
- Conducting motorcycle buyer clinics and maintenance seminars
- Hosting group rides and rallies

